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Meeting of the MD DNR Artificial Reef Committee

Thursday, March 5, 2015, 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Tawes State Office Building, C-1A Conference Room, Annapolis, MD 21401

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Preliminary Agenda*

2:00 PM: Welcome and General Announcements – Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service
Desired Outcome – opening remarks and announcements

2:05 PM: MARI Treasurer's Report – Ed Liccione or Erik Zlokovitz
Desired Outcome – Update on status of funds, discuss allocation of funds

- Update on existing funds in MARI 501(c)(3) account.

2:10 PM: Joint Presentation by USCG and USACE on Federal rules related to artificial reef construction.
Desired Outcome – General overview to update the ARC on navigational rules related to artificial reef construction (site location, overhead clearance requirements, etc)

2:40 PM: Presentation by Bill Goldsborough (CBF and SFAC Chairman) on reef ball projects and description of oyster growth and other colonization on old reef ball sites.
Desired Outcome – Update the ARC on discovery of oyster growth and other invertebrate colonization on older reef ball site. Overview of reef ball projects and three dimensional reefs.

3:10 PM: Presentation by Linda Barker on preliminary results from 2014 MARI logbooks survey
Desired Outcome – Update the committee on the preliminary results from 2014 MARI logbook survey, and discuss survey options/changes moving forward in 2015.

3:40 PM: ARC Attendance, assignments, and operating guidelines update – Erik Zlokovitz
Desired Outcome – Update on ARC membership/attendance issues, ARC assignments, and proposed operating guidelines. ARC will vote on adopting CFAC guidelines.

- Reminder on attendance and attendance policies for ARC members.
- Update of ARC assignments – monitoring documents, Five-year MARI plan, etc
- ARC agreed to adopt the CFAC operating guidelines for the ARC, minor edits if needed. Update on term limits, elections and document to be sent via email.

3:50 PM: 2014 reef construction project and permit updates – Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service, Karl Willey, Bill Huppert, and Monty Hawkins.

Desired Outcome – Update committee on status of 2015 reef construction projects and permits.

MARI funded:

- Update on baywide reef permits for 2015 – Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service
- Love Point (completed December, 2014).
- Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant steel panels (Tentative, pending review)

Non-MARI funded:

- Choptank River Bridge Piers, Karl Willey, CBF (Bill Burton Pier Reef-North/Talbot) deployed by CBF, decide if additional reef balls should be deployed at Talbot side in 2015 (limited space).
- Memorial Stadium Reef Ball Site (annual May deployment), deployed by CBF, reef balls built by MSSA volunteers. Reef expanded by 1.5 acres (Approved by Army Corps). Bill Huppert and Erik Zlokovitz.
- Dominion-Cove Pt. donated concrete 2015-17. First deployment at Taylor's Island, late March or early April. Separate load to go to Cedar Pt. (date TBD).

OCRF funded:

- Ocean Reefs, coral castle blocks, Capt. Monty Hawkins
- Ocean Reefs, larger material deployed from OCRF barge

4:25 PM: Reef Materials of opportunity – Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service, Monty Hawkins, OCRF
Desired Outcome – Update committee on reef materials of opportunity in MD (concrete pipes, rubble, steel, etc)

4:35 PM: Other Surveys and Monitoring update (not related to MARI logbooks)

Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR Fisheries Service

Desired outcome – Update committee on 2014 volunteer angler survey activities and data gathering.

- Bill Burton Pier fishing survey with CBF/MSSA-continuing pre and post surveys (Ongoing)
- Volunteer angler website survey – update on use and PR discussion

4:45 PM: Outreach Efforts

Desired Outcome – Update on Winter/Spring 2015 outreach (Fishing shows and other opportunities).

- Review MARI outreach activities in 2014-2015 (shows, website, constant contact, social media, etc.)
- Discuss volunteer opportunities to help with future MARI outreach projects.



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4:50 PM: 2015 ARC Meeting Schedule – Erik Zlokovitz.

Desired Outcome –Establish next meeting date and times for Fall, 2015 as follows:

Proposed dates-October, 27, 28, or 29, 2015 (Tu,Wed, or Thur), 2:00 – 5:00 PM

All meetings to be held in Tawes State Office Building in Annapolis, MD

4:55 PM: **Public Comment

5:00 PM: Adjourn

*The preliminary agenda is subject to change

**Public Comment as time allows